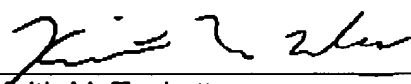


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Claims 1- 35 are allowed. Applicants propose herein an amendment to claims 18 and 21 for editorial errors. Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced in this response. Applicants believe that no fees are due in filing this response. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

If, however, the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Keith M. Tackett at (713) 623-4844 Ext 2121, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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